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11. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Representative Sharon Walloppillai and AIT-Taipei econoff delivered reftel demarche to Taiwan Civil Aeronautics Administration (CAA) Deputy Director General George Lee on November 13, 2006. Lee indicated that Taiwan was open to the U.S. proposal to expand the Federal Flight Deck Officer Program to include flights to Taiwan. CAA Air Transport Division Security Division Officer Jackson Jai said that Taiwan could implement the program under the same regulations and conditions for travel of U.S. Federal Air Marshals (FAMS) to Taiwan.

12. However, Taiwan will require more information about the program before agreeing to participate. TSA Rep agreed to seek more information about the details of the program from TSA headquarters, including the possibility of reciprocity. When TSA Rep has more information, AIT/T and TSA Rep will raise the proposal with CAA again.

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